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Programme of meetings and agenda

Scheduled official meetings

Monday, 22 September 2003

Security Council

11 a.m. . . . . 4832nd meeting (closed) . . . . . Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in Burundi

Letter dated 17 September 2003 from the Permanent Representative of Burundi to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2003/900)

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

10 a.m. . . . . 3rd plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

Follow-up to the outcome of the twenty-sixth special session: implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS: High-level plenary meetings devoted to the follow-up to the outcome of the twenty-sixth special session and the implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS: report of the Secretary-General (A/58/184) . . . . . [47]

Address by His Excellency The Right Honourable Owen Arthur, Prime Minister of Barbados

Address by His Excellency Mr. John Agyekum Kufuor, President of the Republic of Ghana

Address by His Excellency Mr. Abdoulaye Wade, President of the Republic of Senegal

Address by His Excellency Mr. Robert Gabriel Mugabe, President of the Republic of Zimbabwe

Address by His Excellency The Right Honourable Pakalitha Bethuel Mosisili, Prime Minister and Minister for Defence and Public Service of the Kingdom of Lesotho

Address by His Excellency Mr. Jorge Fernando Branco de Sampaio, President of the Portuguese Republic

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Address by His Excellency Mr. Marc Ravalomanana, President of the Republic of Madagascar

Address by His Excellency Mr. Leonid Kuchma, President of Ukraine

Address by His Excellency Mr. Olusegun Obasanjo, President and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria

Address by His Excellency Mr. Jacques Chirac, President of the French Republic

Address by His Excellency General-Major Joseph Kabila, President of the Democratic Republic of the Congo

Address by His Excellency Mr. Abdelaziz Bouteflika, President of the People's Democractic Republic of Algeria

Address by His Excellency Mr. Alberto Chissano, President of the Republic of Mozambique

Address by His Excellency Mr. Pascal Couchepin, President of the Swiss Confederation

Address by His Excellency Mr. Domitien Ndayizeye, President of the Republic of Burundi

Address by His Excellency Dr. Jan Peter Balkenende, Prime Minister and Minister for General Affairs of the Kingdom of the Netherlands

Address by His Excellency Hedayat Amin Arsala, Vice-President of Afghanistan

Address by Her Excellency Ms. Linnette Saborio, Vice- President of the Republic of Costa Rica

Belgium

Luxembourg

Uganda

Italy

New Zealand

Gabon

United Republic of Tanzania

Mexico

Australia

Kazakhstan

Tunisia

Brazil

3 p.m. . . . . 4th plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

Follow-up to the outcome of the twenty-sixth special session: implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS: High-level plenary meetings devoted to the follow-up to the outcome of the twenty-sixth special session and the implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS: report of the Secretary-General (A/58/184) . . . . . [47]

United States of America

Islamic Republic of Iran

Indonesia

Pakistan

Namibia

Philippines

Guyana

Morocco

Denmark

Iceland

Norway

Address by His Excellency Mr. Arnold Rüütel, President of the Republic of Estonia

Cuba

Viet Nam

South Africa

Chile

Sudan

Peru

Cape Verde

Kenya

Sweden

Ireland

Austria

Canada

Burkina Faso

Slovenia

Malaysia

Cameroon

Angola

Niger

Bahamas

Germany

Russian Federation

Paraguay

Venezuela

United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

Botswana

Argentina

Benin

Sierra Leone

Finland

Zambia

Cyprus

Croatia

Malawi

Ethiopia

India

Bangladesh

Greece

Bolivia

Côte d'Ivoire

Congo

Mauritius

Malta

Romania

Spain

Lithuania

Serbia and Montenegro

Cambodia

Guinea

Sri Lanka

Trinidad and Tobago

Yemen

Czech Republic

China

Bosnia and Herzegovina

Thailand

Japan

El Salvador

Syrian Arab Republic

Belarus

Grenada

Djibouti

Oman

Poland

Swaziland

Ecuador

Israel

Republic of Moldova

Belize

Bahrain

Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

Marshall Islands

Jamaica

Nepal

Uruguay

Libyan Arab Jamahiriya

Republic of Korea

United Arab Emirates

Liechtenstein

Bulgaria

San Marino

Colombia

Lao People's Democratic Republic

Myanmar

Albania

Eritrea

Haiti

Dominican Republic

Holy See

International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

Sovereign Military Order of Malta

European Community

3.30–5 p.m. . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

Informal interactive panel

The high-level informal interactive panel discussion, under the auspices of the Office of the President of the General Assembly and chaired by the Secretary General, aims at providing a strategic vision to accelerate action against HIV/AIDS by focusing on three main challenges: addressing stigma and discrimination; engaging civil society, including the business sector; and mobilizing resources.

[Participants will include Heads of State or Government, ministers and high-level government representatives; the Executive Director of UNAIDS; and as special guests, the representative of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria; Archbishop Desmond Tutu, South Africa; and Mr. Tarun Das, Director-General of the Confederation of Indian Industry; as well as representatives of AIDS service organizations and the community of people living with HIV/AIDS.]

Sixth Committee

11 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Informal meeting . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

Informal open-ended consultations on the organization of work of the Sixth Committee. [A copy of the tentative programme of work will be available in the conference room for interested delegations.]

Investments Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 5

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 5

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

General Assembly
Fifty-eighth session

General debate
(23–26 September 2003, 29 September–3 October 2003)

The provisional list of speakers (No. 4) for the general debate of the fifty-eighth regular session of the General Assembly is now available at the General Assembly Affairs Branch (rooms S-2925 and S-2940B). The provisional list of speakers (No. 4) has also been sent by fax directly to the permanent missions (Office of the Permanent Representative).

Delegations are reminded that in accordance with the practice at recent sessions of the General Assembly, a voluntary 15-minute time limit should be observed during the general debate. The list of speakers was prepared on the basis of this 15-minute time limit. To help speakers in the general debate respect the time limit, a mechanism will be installed at the rostrum of the General Assembly Hall.

The general debate will be webcast live and archived for on-demand viewing at www.un.org/webcast.

Delegations are invited to send in advance by e-mail the electronic version of the text of their statements in the general debate, in one of the official languages of the United Nations, to webcast@un.org for posting on the General Assembly Web site.

General Assembly
Fifty-eighth session

High-level Dialogue on Financing for Development [106 (b) of the provisional agenda]
(29–30 October 2003)

Inscriptions for Member States wishing to participate in the ministerial-level round tables

Delegations wishing to participate in any of eight ministerial-level round tables to be held in the context of the High-level Dialogue, on Wednesday, 29 October 2003, are kindly requested to come in person to the List of Speakers area of the General Assembly Affairs Branch (room S-2940) to inscribe.

Delegations are reminded that the list of participants in the round tables will be established on a first-come, first-served basis, and that each round table may have a maximum of 7 participants from African States, 7 participants from Asian States, 3 participants from Eastern European States, 5 participants from Latin American and Caribbean States and 4 participants from Western European and other States. Member States that are not members of any regional group may participate in the round tables (resolution 57/250 of 20 December 2002 and letter from the President of the General Assembly to Member States dated 7 May 2003, on organizational matters).

Other meetings

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Monday, 22 September 2003

League of Arab States *(Sixth Committee matters)*

5–7 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 6

Side events on the occasion of the High-level plenary meetings of the General Assembly devoted to the follow-up to the outcome of the twenty-sixth special session: implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS

Briefing on "HIV/AIDS and Food Security"

11.30 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Conference Room 6

Briefing on "HIV/AIDS and Food Security", organized by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and the World Food Programme (WFP) [The briefing will be chaired by the Prime Minister of Lesotho, The Rt. Hon. Pakalitha Bethuel Mosisili, and presentations will be made by Mr. Michel Savini, Assistant Director General/Chef de Cabinet, FAO; Ms. Marcella Villarreal, Chief of the Population and Development Service, FAO; Ms. Sheila Sisulu, Deputy Executive Director, WFP; and Ms. Vera P. Weill-Hallé, Director, North American Liaison Office, IFAD.]

Technical briefing on "HIV/AIDS and the World of Work"

11.30 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Conference Room 7

Technical briefing on "HIV/AIDS and the World of Work", organized by the International Labour Organization (ILO) [The meeting will be chaired by Mr. Assane Diop, Executive Director, ILO Social Protection Sector. For further information, please contact Ms. Ana Maria Hermoso (tel. 1 (212) 697-0150, ext. 106).]

[Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.]

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm.

Monday, 22 September 2003

Room S-226

10.30 a.m. . . . . Dr. Peter Piot, Executive Director, UNAIDS (to present new United Nations reports)

11.15 a.m. . . . . Dr. Richard Feachem, Executive Director, Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria; Mr. Tommy Thompson, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Global Fund

and United States Secretary of Health; and Mr. Rajat Gupta, Board Member of the Global Fund (to discuss the Fund's efforts to support HIV prevention, treatment and care)

Guests at 12 noon . . . . Dr. Lee Jong-wook, Director-General, World Health Organization; Dr. Peter Piot, Executive Director, UNAIDS; and Dr. Richard Feachem, Executive Director, Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (to launch a special initiative)

2.15 p.m. . . . . H.E. Mr. Olusegun Obasanjo, President and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria

5.15 p.m. . . . . H.E. The Right Honourable Jean Chrétien, Prime Minister of Canada

Forthcoming official meetings

Tuesday, 23 September 2003

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

10 a.m. . . . . 5th plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

1. Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization: presentation by the Secretary-General of his annual report (A/58/1) . . . . . [10]
2. Address by His Excellency Mr. Luiz Inácio Lula Da Silva, President of the Federative Republic of Brazil
3. Address by His Excellency Mr. George W. Bush, President of the United States of America
4. Address by His Excellency Mr. Alejandro Toledo Manrique, President of the Republic of Peru
5. Address by His Excellency Mr. Jacques Chirac, President of the French Republic
6. Address by His Excellency Mr. Joseph Urusemal, President of the Federated States of Micronesia
7. Address by His Excellency Mr. Pascal Couchepin, President of the Swiss Confederation
8. Address by His Excellency Mr. Thabo Mbeki, President of the Republic of South Africa
9. Address by His Excellency Mr. Stjepan Mesic, President of the Republic of Croatia
10. Address by His Majesty Mohammed VI, King of Morocco

11. Opening of the general debate . . . . . [9]

Address by His Excellency Mr. Silvio Berlusconi, President of the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Italy

3 p.m. . . . . 6th plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

1. Address by Her Excellency Mrs. Vaira Vike-Freiberga, President of the Republic of Latvia

2. Address by His Excellency Mr. Nicanor Duarte Frutos, President of the Republic of Paraguay

3. Address by His Excellency Mr. Hâmid Karzai, President of the Islamic State of Afghanistan

4. Address by His Excellency Mr. Vladimir Voronin, President of the Republic of Moldova

5. Address by His Excellency Mr. Francisco Guillermo Flores Pérez, President of the Republic of El Salvador

6. Address by His Excellency Mr. Robert Mugabe, President of the Republic of Zimbabwe

7. Address by His Excellency Mr. Alfonso Portillo Cabrera, President of the Republic of Guatemala

8. Address by Her Excellency Ms. Megawati Soekarnoputri, President of the Republic of Indonesia

9. Address by His Excellency Mr. Olusegun Obasanjo, President and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria

10. Continuation of the general debate . . . . . [9]

Address by His Excellency The Right Honourable Jean Chrétien, Prime Minister of Canada

Address by His Excellency Mr. José Manuel Durão Barroso, Prime Minister of the Portuguese Republic

Address by His Excellency The Honourable Kenny Davis Anthony, Prime Minister, Minister for Finance, Planning, Information and the Public Service of Saint Lucia

Address by His Highness Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, Prime Minister of the State of Kuwait

Address by His Excellency Mr. José María Aznar, President of the Government of the Kingdom of Spain

Japan

First Committee

The First Committee will hold its first organizational meeting on Monday, 29 September 2003, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4, to elect its Vice-Chairmen and Rapporteur and to consider and approve its programme of work and timetable (A/C.1/58/CRP.1/Rev.1). .

The Committee will begin its substantive work by holding a general debate on all disarmament and related international security agenda items from Monday, 6 October, to Friday, 17 October 2003. The list of speakers for the general debate is open. Delegations wishing to participate in the general debate are requested to kindly contact the secretariat of the First Committee (Mr. Tam Chung; room S-2977E, tel. 1 (212) 963-1901).

Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers should be submitted to Mr. Mohammad Sattar, Secretary of the First Committee (room S-2977H; tel. 1 (212) 963-5595).

Special Political and Decolonization (Fourth) Committee

The Special Political and Decolonization (Fourth) Committee will hold its first meeting on Monday, 29 September 2003, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The agenda will be as follows: (a) Election of Vice-Chairmen and Rapporteur; and (b) Organization of work (A/C.4/58/1[1] and A/C.4/58/L.1[1]).

This Committee will begin its substantive work on Monday, 6 October 2003, at 3 p.m. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers for the general debate relating to decolonization items, which will begin on Monday, 6 October 2003 (see document A/C.4/58/L.1[1]) are kindly requested to notify Ms. Catherina Dakay, (room S-2977; tel. 1 (212) 963-9223).

Delegations are also reminded that the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers are to be submitted to Mr. Saijin Zhang, Secretary of the Committee (room S-2977K, fax 1 (212) 963-5305).

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[1] To be issued.

Second Committee

The Second Committee will hold its first meeting on Wednesday, 1 October 2003, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3, to elect its Vice-Chairmen and Rapporteur and to consider its proposed organizations of work as contained in A/C.2/58/L.1[1]. The Committee will also begin its general debate on Monday, 6 October 2003 at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 2. The Under-Secretary-General, Mr. José Antonio Ocampo, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will make a statement. The list of speakers for the general debate, and all other items allocated to the Second Committee, *will be open at 10 a.m. on 25 September 2003*. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to contact the secretariat of the Committee (Ms. Maria Thompson (tel. 1 (212) 963-2183; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

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[1] To be issued.

Third Committee

The Third Committee will hold its organizational meeting on Monday, 29 September 2003, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3, to elect its Vice-Chairmen and Rapporteur and to consider its proposed organization of work as contained in document A/C.3/58/L.1[1]. The Committee will also begin its consideration of items 107 (Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly), 108 (Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family) and 109 (Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing), on Monday, 6 October, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. The list of speakers for the general discussion on all items allocated to the Third Committee will be open on Monday, 29 September 2003. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to contact the secretariat of the Committee (Mr. Alexandre De Barros or Mrs. Lydia Bawar (tel. 1 (212) 963-2320 and 963-5973; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Delegations are also requested to submit the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers to Mr. Alexandre De Barros, Secretary of the Committee (room S-2950G; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

[1] To be issued.

Fifth Committee

The organizational meeting of the main part of the Fifth Committee of the General Assembly at its fifty-eighth session will be held on Tuesday, 30 September 2003, at 10 a.m., in Conference Room 3. A note by the Secretariat on the status of preparedness of documentation will be issued shortly as document A/C.5/58/L.1.

Other forthcoming meetings

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Group of 77 *(Fifteenth Annual Meeting of Senior Officials)*

The Fifteenth Annual Meeting of Senior Officials of the Group of 77 will be held on Wednesday, 24 September 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Group of 77 *(Twenty-seventh Annual Meeting of Ministers for Foreign Affairs)*

The Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Member States of the Group of 77 will hold their Twenty-seventh Annual Meeting on Thursday, 25 September 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

UNITAR briefing

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a briefing by Mr. Eduardo A. Doryan, Special Representative of the Wor d Bank to the United Nations, and Mr. Reinhard Munzberg, Special Representative of the International Monetary Fund to the United Nations, on the results of the meetings of the International Monetary and Financial Committee and the Development Committee, which will be held in Dubai on 21 and 22 September 2003. This briefing, to be conducted in English, will be held on Thursday, 2 October 2003, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 3.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all permanent missions in New York. The registration deadline is Thursday, 25 September. For further information, please contact Ms. Nicole Valenta at UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9684 or 963-9196).

UNITAR workshop series 2003

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), the ICT Task Force and Intel Corporation organize the series entitled "Policy Awareness and Training in Information Technology" 2003, under the auspices of the Working Group on Informatics. The programme consists of a set of four progressive modules and one seminar presented as a cycle, which in 2003 was repeated five times. The first four modules of each cycle, geared towards all diplomats, focus on: (a) introduction to computers and Windows 2000; (b) e-mail and Internet search basics; (c) introduction to Microsoft Word 2000; and (d) Web-page design basics and usability techniques. The fifth module, which is conducted as an interactive seminar, covers policy and security issues in information technology and is aimed essentially at ambassadors and senior diplomats and open to members of the United Nations staff, as well as non-governmental organizations.

The fifth and final module of this year's series, to be conducted in English, will be held on every other Thursday, *from 2 October to 21 November 2003.* For further information, please contact UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9196 or 963-3021).

Announcements

General Assembly

Statements for the debate in the plenary

Statements in the debate in plenary shall be limited to five minutes. To facilitate the observance of the time limit, a light system installed on the lectern will signal the approach of the five-minute limit.

A minimum of 30 copies of the text of statements to be delivered in the debate in plenary should be submitted in advance to the Secretariat; failing this, delegations are urged to provide interpreters with six copies (for interpretation into the six other official languages) before the speaker takes the floor. If delegations wish to have the text of

statements distributed to all delegations, observers, specialized agencies, interpreters, record-writers and press officers, 350 copies are required.

The general debate will be webcast live and archived for on-demand viewing at www.un.org/webcast.

Delegations are invited to send in advance by e-mail the electronic version of the text of their statements in the general debate, in one of the official languages of the United Nations, to webcast@un.org for posting on the General Assembly Web site.

Given the security arrangements in place for the high-level plenary meetings devoted to the follow-up to the outcome of the twenty-sixth special session, texts of statements to be made in plenary meetings will have to be delivered to a receiving area in the General Assembly Hall between the hours of 7 and 8.30 a.m. by a delegation representative in possession of a valid grounds pass. Access will be through the 46th Street gate to the Visitors' Entrance, through the electronic screening area and then to the second floor, where a representative of the Secretariat will accept the texts at a special counter. Only texts of statements to be made that same day will be accepted.

Delegations wishing to make their statements available to the press should bring a minimum of 100 copies to the Media Centre, in the first basement, and 100 copies to the documents distribution counter in the third floor press area. No copying facilities will be available for these statements.

Documentation

Only official documents of the high-level plenary meetings devoted to the follow-up to the outcome of the twenty-sixth special session bearing General Assembly document symbols and texts of statements to be delivered in plenary meetings will be distributed in the General Assembly Hall. All other materials should be placed on a table on the West Side of the Hall provided for this purpose.

Credentials of representatives to the fifty-eighth session

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the fifty-eighth session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials should be sent to the secretariat of the Credentials Committee (tel. 1 (212) 963-5358; room S-3420A).

Programme of work

Copies of the draft proposed programmes of work of the First Committee and the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) are available in room S-2977.

Copies of the draft proposed programmes of work of the Second Committee and the Third Committees are available in room S-2950.

Facilities for bilateral consultations

Facilities are available for bilateral consultations during this period. For further information, interested delegations may refer to Note Verbale No. 03-204 or contact the Meetings Servicing Unit (tel. 1 (212) 963-2643).

Security Council

Daily informal briefings

As from Thursday, 4 September 2003, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations, which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530.

Summary of meetings

Friday, 19 September 2003

Security Council

4829th meeting

The situation in Sierra Leone

Nineteenth report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone (S/2003/863 and S/2003/863/Add.1)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of Sierra Leone, at his request, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/2003/895, which had been prepared in the Council's prior consultations.

The Council proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution (S/2003/895) before it.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/2003/895) received 15 votes in favour, none against, and no abstention, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1508 (2003).

4830th meeting

The situation in Liberia

Report of the Secretary-General to the Security Council on Liberia (S/2003/875)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of Liberia, at his request, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/2003/898, which had been prepared in the Council's prior consultations.

The Council then proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution before it (S/2003/898).

Decision: The draft resolution (S/2003/898) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1509(2003).

4831st meeting

Consideration of the draft report of the Security Council to the General Assembly

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard an explanatory statement by the Director of the Security Council Affairs Division.

The Council adopted its report to the General Assembly without a vote.

The President stated that the decision of the Council would be reflected in a note by the President of the Council, to be issued as document S/2003/893.

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

2nd plenary meeting

Organization of the fifty- eight regular session of the General Assembly, adoption of the agenda and allocation of item: first report of the General Committee (A/58/250)

Section II (Organization of the session)

The General Assembly took note of paragraphs 4 and 5 of the report.

Section II.B

The General Assembly took note of paragraphs 6 to 8 of the report.

Section II.C

The General Assembly decided that the fifty-eighth session would recess on Tuesday, 16 December 2003 and close on Monday, 13 September 2004.

The General Assembly also decided that during the main part of the session, the First, the Special Political and Decolonization (Fourth) and the Sixth Committees should complete their work by Friday, 7 November, the Third Committee by Friday, 21 November, the Second Committee by Friday, 5 December and the Fifth Committee by Tuesday, 9 December 2003.

Section II.D

The General Assembly took note of paragraphs 11 and 12 of the report.

The General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 13 of the report.

Section II.E

The General Assembly took note of paragraph 14 of the report.

Section II.F

The General Assembly took note of paragraphs 15 and 16 of the report.

The General Assembly approved the recommendations contained in paragraphs 17, 18 and 19 of the report.

Section II.G

The General Assembly took note of paragraphs 20 and 21 of the report.

The General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 22 of the report.

Section II.H

The General Assembly took note of paragraphs 23 and 24 of the report.

Section II.I

The General Assembly took note of paragraphs 25 to 28 of the report.

Section II.J

The General Assembly took note of paragraphs 29 to 33 of the report.

Section II.K

The General Assembly approved the recommendation in paragraph 34 of the report.

Section II.L

The General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 35 of the report.

Section III (Observations on the organization of the work of the General Assembly)

The General Assembly took note of paragraphs 36 and 37 of the report.

Section IV (Adoption of the agenda)

The General Assembly took note of paragraphs 38 to 41 of the report.

Item 23

The General Assembly decided to approve the recommendation contained in paragraph 42.

Item 29

The General Assembly was informed that the General Committee had decided to defer to a later date its consideration of the inclusion of this item.

Item 92

The General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 44, that the consideration of this item be deferred to the fifty-ninth session and that the item be included in the provisional agenda of that session.

Item 163

The General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 45 to include this item.

Item 165

The General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 46 to include this item.

Item 166

The General Assembly decided not to recommend the inclusion of this item.

Item 167

The General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 48 to include this item.

Item 168

The General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 49 to include this item.

Inclusion of items

The General Assembly then proceeded to consider the agenda recommended for adoption by the General Committee in paragraph 50 of its report (A/58/250).

Items 1 to 163

The General Assembly approved the inclusion in the agenda of items 1 to 163.

Section V (Allocation of items)

The General Assembly took note of the information contained in paragraphs 51 to 53 of the report.

Item 10

The General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 54 (a).

Item 12

The General Assembly approved the recommendation in paragraph 54 (b).

Item 19

The General Assembly approved the recommendation in paragraph 54 (c).

Item 23

The General Assembly approved the recommendation in paragraph 54 (d).

Item 30

The General Assembly approved the recommendation in paragraph 54 (e).

Item 32

The General Assembly approved the recommendation in paragraph 54 (f).

Item 47

The General Assembly took note of paragraph 54 (g).

Items 48, 117 (b) and 117 (d)

The General Assembly took note of paragraph 54 (h).

Item 50

The General Assembly took note of paragraph 54 (i).

Item 59

The General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 54 (j).

Item 73

The General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 55.

Item 104 (b)

The General Assembly took note of paragraph 56.

Item 110

The General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 57.

Item 122

The General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 58 (a).

Item 128

The General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 58 (b).

Item 161

The General Assembly approved the recommendation contained in paragraph 58 (c).

Items 162 to 164

The General Assembly approved the recommendations contained in paragraph 59 (a) to (d).

The General Assembly approved the allocations of the items listed in paragraph 60 for consideration directly in plenary meeting.

The General Assembly approved the allocations of the items proposed in paragraph 60 for the First Committee, the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee), the Second Committee, the Third Committee, the Fifth Committee and the Sixth Committee.

Tenth emergency special session

20th plenary meeting *Resumption of the tenth emergency special session*

The President of the General Assembly declared resumed the tenth emergency special session of the General Assembly pursuant to Assembly resolution ES-10/11 of 5 August 2003.

The President drew the attention of delegations to documents A/ES-10/237 and A/ES-10/238.

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (Article 19 of the Charter) (A/ES-10/240)

The General Assembly took note of a letter by the Secretary-General (A/ES-10/240) concerning 13 Member States that were in arrears in the payment of their financial contribution to the United Nations within the terms of Article 19 of the Charter.

Illegal Israeli actions in occupied East Jerusalem and the rest of the Occupied Palestinian Territory: draft resolution (A/ES-10/L.12) . . . . . [5]

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of agenda item 5.

The observer of Palestine made a statement.

The representative of Sudan made a statement, in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/ES-10/L.12.

Statements were made by the representatives of Israel, Cuba (as Vice-Chairman of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People), Malaysia (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement), the Russian Federation, China, South Africa, the United States, Venezuela, the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Organization of the Islamic Conference), Guinea, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and Italy (on behalf of the European Union and of Bulgaria, Cyprus, the

Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Turkey).

The meeting was suspended for fifteen minutes.

The representative of Italy (on behalf of the European Union) made a statement, in the course of which he introduced oral amendments to draft resolution A/ES-10/L.12.

The representative of Sudan made a statement.

Statement in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of Turkey and Nauru.

The General Assembly decided to waive the relevant provision of rule 78 of the rules of procedure and decided to consider draft resolution A/ES-10/L.12 , as orally amended.

By 133 votes to 4, with 15 abstentions (recorded votes), the General Assembly adopted the draft resolution A/ES-10/L.12 , as orally amended (resolution ES-10/12).

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of Chile, Guatemala, Peru, Canada, Japan, the Syrian Arab Republic, Israel, Lebanon and Cameroon.

The observer of Palestine made a statement.

The representative of Cuba made a statement.

The tenth emergency special session of the General Assembly was adjourned in accordance with the terms of paragraph 4 of resolution ES-10/12.

Convention on the Rights of the Child

Committee on the Rights of the Child
Thirty-fourth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

Friday, 19 September 2003

898th–899th meetings *Other matters* . . . . . [9]

The Committee held its day of general discussion on the rights of indigenous children.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. New York, 16 December 1966

Accession: Timor-Leste (18 September 2003)[1]

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty. New York, 15 December 1989

Accession: Timor-Leste (18 September 2003)

Convention on the Contract for the International Carriage of Goods by Road (CMR). Geneva, 19 May 1956

Accession: Mongolia (18 September 2003)[1]

Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on their Destruction. Oslo, 18 September 1997

Accession: Serbia and Montenegro (18 September 2003)[1]

Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-Making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters. Aarhus, Denmark, 25 June 1998

Ratification: Cyprus (19 September 2003)[1]

Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment

Signature of and deposit of instruments of ratification or accession relating to the above Protocol

United Nations Headquarters (23–26 September 2003)

Delegations that intend to sign or deposit instruments of ratification or accession relating to the Optional Protocol during the Focus 2003 Treaty Event are advised to contact the Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs to arrange appointments (room S-3200; tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax 1 (212) 963-3693; e-mail untreaty@un.org).

It is noted that the Protocol is open for signature by any State that has signed the Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment. It is further noted that the Protocol is subject to ratification by any State that has ratified or acceded to the Convention, and is also open to accession by any State that has ratified or acceded to the Convention.

Treaty event

Focus 2003: Treaties against transnational organized crime and terrorism

United Nations Headquarters (23–26 September 2003)

Signature of and deposit of instruments relating to multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary-General

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

The Treaty Event will take place from 23 to 26 September 2003 at Headquarters, in a special room located on the ground floor of the General Assembly Building (near the Delegates' Entrance in the Kuwaiti boat area).

Delegations that have notified the Secretary-General, in response to his letter of 2 April 2003, and those still intending to do so, of their intention to sign or deposit instruments relating to multilateral treaties under his custody, in particular those relating to transnational organized crime and terrorism, are advised to contact the Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs to promptly arrange appointments (room S-3200; tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax 1 (212) 963-3693; e-mail treaty@un.org).

It is recalled that, under the established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign treaties on behalf of States without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign treaties must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of specified treaties by a named representative issued and signed by one of these authorities.

Other announcements

Security announcements

The Permanent and Observer Missions are reminded that for security reasons, the garage will be closed for parking at 8 p.m. on Sunday, 21 September 2003, and will reopen to authorized vehicles at 4 a.m. on Monday, 22 September 2003. All vehicles must be removed from the garage not later than 8 p.m. on Sunday, until the reopening of the garage on Monday. Remaining vehicles will be towed and stored at the owner's expense.

Special workshop on "Private-public Partnerships in the Field of HIV/AIDS – The Accelerating Access Initiative (AAI)"

On the occasion of the high-level plenary meetings of the General Assembly on HIV/AIDS, there will be a special workshop on "Private-public Collaboration in the Field of HIV/AIDS – The Accelerating Access Initiative (AAI)", organized by the Business Council for International Understanding, in collaboration with the World Health Organization (WHO), the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) and the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS), as well as private sector entities. The workshop will take place on Monday, 22 September 2003, from 12.30 to 2.30 p.m. at the West Terrace (4th floor of the United Nations Building). Ms. Marika Fahlén, Director, Focal Point and Access Care, UNAIDS; Dr. Jack Chow, Assistant Director-General for HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, WHO; Dr. Joy Phumaphi, Assistant Director-General, Community Health, WHO; H.E. Mr. Sichan Siv, Ambassador, Representative to the Economic and Social Council (United States); and Dr. Kalman Miszei, Assistant Administrator, UNDP, will be among the participants. Members of permanent and observer missions are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Michael Sipos or Ms. Krystyna Gut (tel. 1 (212) 490-0460).

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of September 2003 has been communicated to the Secretariat:

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Mr. C.W. Wigwe
Chargé d'affaires a.i.

Asian States:
China
H.E. Mr. Wang Guangya

Eastern European States:
Latvia
H.E. Mr. Gints Jegermanis

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Colombia
H.E. Mr. Luis Guillermo Giraldo

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Denmark
H.E. Ms. Ellen Margrethe Løj

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